

United Indigenous Nations

An International Organization of Indigenous Nations



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The Feather is Sent, the Fire is Lit, and the Buffalo Robe is Spread...

You are cordially invited to attend

IX Gathering of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas and

The Convening of the United Indigenous Nations, UIN

from

August 22-26, 2007

at

The School of Mines, University of South Dakota and the Crazy Horse Monument

First Chief Dave Bald Eagle, Secretary General Rudy Al James, and Spiritual Leader Dr. Ramon Nenadich are pleased to note that this 9th Great Gathering of Indigenous Wisdom Keepers, Spiritual Leaders, Elders, and Youth will take place in traditional tribal territories of the Great Plains Nations.

Building upon the work of previous gatherings and the declarations of Caguas and Cayey (Puerto Rico) and Valladolid (Mexico) we are coming together again to affirm our natural duties and rights as custodians of our ancestral lands, and waters, and the vital natural elements which give sustenance to life.

There are several themes that will guide the agenda including: Economic development; exercise of Sovereignty, cultural integrity and human dignity; Ecosystem Crisis response; and the history and background of the Gatherings and Communities of Nations working in concert and other such topics that may come to the attention of the gathering. We shall establish an Indigenous Parliament, a Supreme International Indigenous Tribunal, and a permanent International Indigenous Government. The working meetings will be framed within a context that includes spiritual ceremonies, traditional indigenous dancers, cultural teachings, and transmission of time honored wisdom.

Discussions will include economic development on Indian Lands such as gas stations, super markets, hardware stores, shopping malls, warehouses, energy farms, etc. Recent court rulings prove that Indigenous Tribes and Nations do not have to collect taxes of any kind, which is a tremendous economic advantage.

The Indigenous Nations have a right to choose their own form of government and their own Tribal Courts. These two rights are vital! We do not have to be subject to the immigrants courts! This includes all the way up to such as the US Supreme Court! All of the non-Native courts do not have

jurisdiction. All legal disagreements involving Indians must be brought before the Tribal Court including any legal disagreements that the non-Native may have. The Tribes that choose to return to their own Traditional Tribal government and courts will eliminate the vast majority of their problems and they will greatly prosper. These Inherent Rights are recognized by both federal and international law.

The Inherent Rights of the Indigenous Peoples and Nations cannot be overemphasized. The UIN is ready to assist those Tribal Nations that desire to exercise their Inherent Rights to return to their Traditional government and courts. Please understand that those courts that are patterned after immigrant courts are not Traditional Tribal Courts, they are merely copying the immigrant courts and they are mostly utilizing immigrant laws and not their Traditional Tribal Laws. Such courts emphasize punishment whereas the Traditional Tribal Court focuses on healing, rehabilitation and restitution.

Please notify us as soon as possible if you are able to attend.

With kindest regards, and many prayers for a safe journey.

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Of Special Note

- Issues of concern may be submitted to the gathering in written resolution form.
- Be sure to bring your regalia and musical instruments. Feel free to bring items for sale or trade.
- The American Inn has arranged for a reduced rate for our gathering. Each room will hold 4 persons or a family and will cost \$45 per day. Therefore, an estimate of the cost for a shared room and 3 meals a day for the week is approximately \$50 to \$75 per person. There is an auditorium within walking distance where the meetings will be held.
- Please note that there are many who desire to attend, but lack sufficient funds. A donation fund has been set up for those of you who can contribute to this gathering.